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HER BOND HELPED BUY TANK

Camden, N. J.—Katherine McManus of Local 80 stands beside the medium tank which she helped to buy with her purchase of a $1,000 War Bond, as her contribution to the $200,000 quota set by the Labor-Management Committee of the Campbell Soup Co. in the Fifth War Loan Drive. Local 80 and management have already chalked up $120,000 toward the Drive and are well on their way to buying the six medium tanks which is their goal. Sister McManus works on onions in the Preparatory Department of Campbells and was one of the first women workers to join Local 80 back in 1941. She has a son in the Army.

FDR and Wallace Indorsed In CIO Political Platform

By Federated Press

Washington, D. C.—Enthusiastically calling for the nomination and election of Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vice-Pres. Henry A. Wallace, the CIO Political Action Committee adopted a broad, liberal platform covering both foreign and domestic policy as it opened its national conference in the Willard Hotel here June 16.

In the hotel ballroom decorated with streamers saying "Get Out the Vote," the entire CIO Executive Board, the 14 regional directors of PAC and 250 delegates from State and county PAC organizations heard Pres. Philip Murray announce that PAC was created "for the sole purpose of disseminating information of an educational nature to help the people of the U. S. solve the manifold problems confronting our country."

PAC HAS PEOPLE'S SUPPORT

Pointing to the wide interest the committee has created and its increasingly broad support from the people as a whole, Murray said that "never in the history of the labor and progressive and liberal movement has there ever been an organization devoted to the purpose of PAC." He declared that the sessions were open to both the public and press because "we want America to understand and to know all about PAC. We are prepared to face the people."

After describing the nature of the opposition to labor's activity in the political field and the problems ahead in order to elect the "right kind of Congress next Fall," Murray said "we don't underestimate the work ahead. We expect hard work. We expect results, because this is the year of decision for our country."

The platform led off with a preamble saying that the PAC realized the road to victory is still long, and long, still the road to an enduring peace. It then turned to the home front and recounted its awareness that "there are those in our midst who fear the power of a united people more than they fear the Axis enemy. Furtively and with malicious cunning—often backed by great wealth—they are this very day obstructing the war effort and pledging for a negotiated peace. . . .We must fight these enemies with the same unified determination that we must show the foe outside our borders."

NOT FOR CIO ALONE

The November elections, the platform said, will determine whether "we can move forward with confidence to peace and full employment or be thrown back into insecurity and want, imperialist conflict, fascism and, inevitably, into a 3rd World War."

"This program is not for members of the CIO alone, nor is it framed in the interest of any special group."

DRAFT ROOSEVELT

As to Pres. Roosevelt, the platform said "we urge the nation to draft and elect Franklin Delano Roosevelt for another term in office as the man best qualified to lead the American people during the next 4 crucial years. . . .We further dedicate ourself to the election of other candidates for federal office who have given our President their consistent support and whose records assure us that they will subscribe to and help realize a win-the-war program."

Churchill Sends Thanks To UCAPAWA

Philadelphia, Pa.—In reply to the telegram sent to British Prime Minister Winston Churchill by the International Executive Board of UCAPAWA pledging full support for the liberation drive in Europe, the following letter was received:

"Dear Mr. Henderson:

"I am asked on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you most sincerely for your kind telegram sent on behalf of the International [illegible] & Allied Workers of America, which was received in London at the time of the commencement of the Allied invasion of France. I will be glad if you will convey to the senders Mr. Churchill's appreciation of their message.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) Michael Leight,
Councellor, British Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

Union Asks 60c Minimum At Reynolds And Correction of Chaotic Wage Scale

Winston-Salem, N. C.—The Union's first major fight to raise substandard wages in the tobacco industry, and specifically at the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., took place at the War Labor Board panel hearing held here on June 19 and 20.

Proposing a 60c minimum wage at the Reynolds plant, Pres. Donald Henderson told the Board that an adequate minimum is necessary to meet the present high cost of living and also to achieve adequate purchasing power for the people after the war. The alternative to the adoption of a fair wage policy, Henderson declared, is a period of post-war depression.

END WAGE CHAOS

The Union further proposed that the present chaotic wage structure of the Company be corrected by the establishment of rate ranges with automatic progressions with[illegible]ces. At present, the [illegible] beets and carro[illegible] trade name of "Finer Monark Foods."

40c for all job classifications regardless of skill. The Company also thrives on a "merit increase" system which, in effect, allows foremen to give increases whenever it suits them.

UNION SPOKESMEN

Presenting the case for the Union were Henderson; Elizabeth Sasuly, Leg. Dir.; and Frank Hargrove, Director of the Tobacco Workers Organizing Committee. The previous panel hearings on May 31 and June 1 had raised the Union's demands for a union shop, improved vacation plan and top seniority for Shop Stewards.

In answer to Company's howls that the Union's wage plan would "break" the Little Steel formula, Sasuly pointed out that the WLB has had a mandate in all its directive orders to eliminate substandards of living. The Board has never been tied to a 50c minimum rate and has the authority to cor[illegible]tandards by setting a [illegible] The 50c figure used [illegible] (which does not ap[illegible]ly in dispute cases) is an arbitrary figure picked by it and totally inadequate.

Henderson charged that the 40c minimum now used at the Reynolds plant leads to substandard living conditions for a large percentage of Reynolds workers. Many farsighted leaders of the nation realize, Henderson said, that the boost in workers' earnings advocated by the CIO generally is designed to keep the national income at a high level and is actually the key to post-war planning and winning the peace.

OTHER WAGE DEMANDS

The Union enlarged upon is wage demands by proposing:

- Piece rate adjustments to give all piece-rate workers at least the minimum of the range into which their present average earnings place them, and to give the average worker 25% more than the minimum;
- A special wage scale for the nicotine plant to increase the earnings 25% above other similar jobs, in order to compensate for health hazards;
- A second-shift bonus at the rate of 9 hours straight time pay for 8 hours work;
- Payment at regular job rates to the Union Negotiating Committee for time lost in negotiations.

CHECK-OFF LEGAL

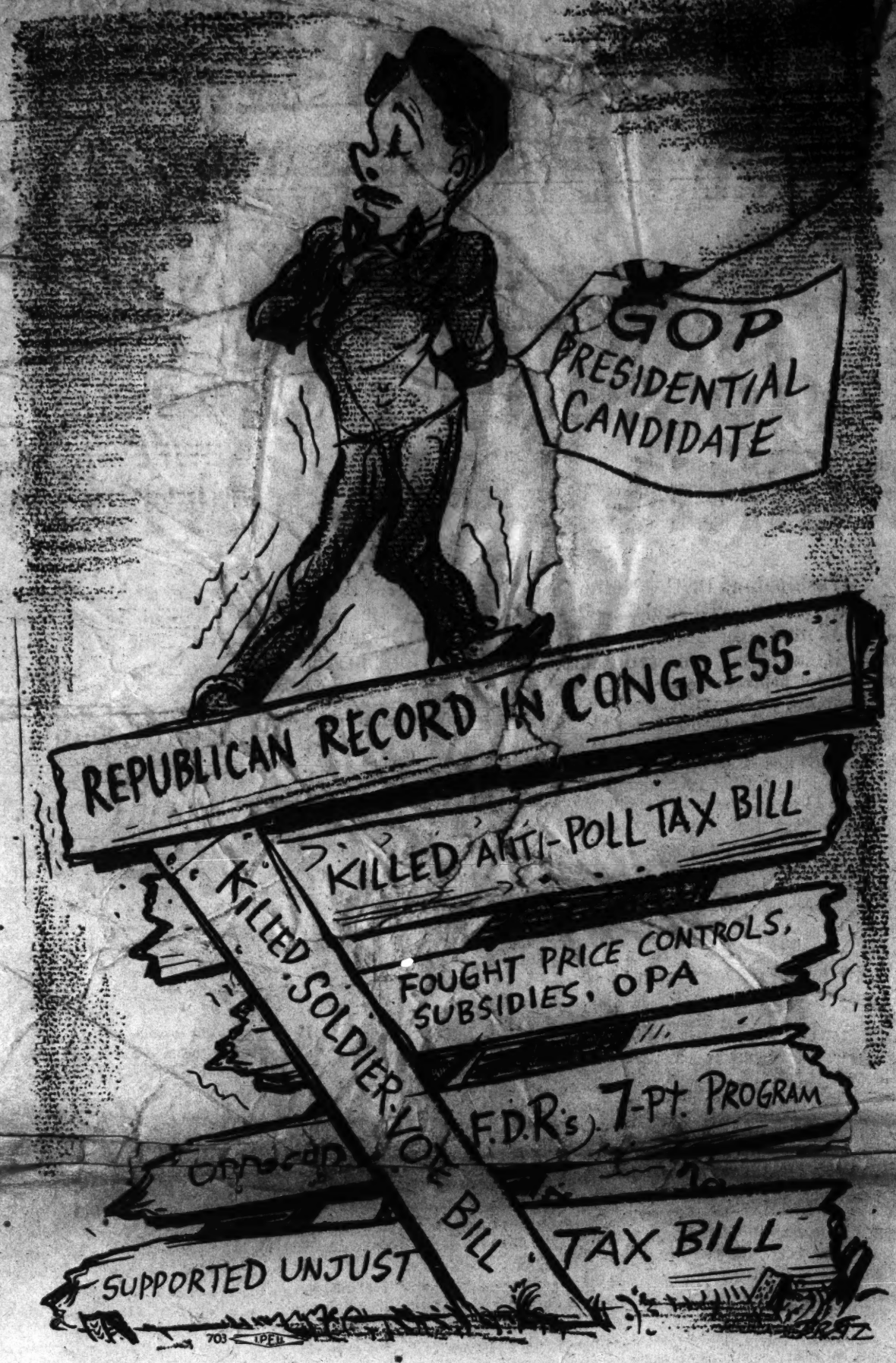
Enlarging upon the check-off demand made at the first panel hearing, the Union presented additional testimony and a brief establishing that mandatory check-off is not in violation of a North Carolina statute on assignment of wages.

The Union's proposal of set wage ranges for each job classification would result in a fairer distribution of earnings to the workers, according to Sasuly's testimony. The proposed rate ranges would narrow the range on each job by establishing a job minimum, and would provide for automatic progression from the minimum to the maximum in the range.

The panel hearings witnessed a new low in anti-union tactics when the Company representatives presented a batch of affidavits from workers and residents of Winston-Salem, attempting to prove that the Union had coerced workers, was irresponsible, etc. These affidavits were presumably in answer to Union witnesses at the previous hearing who had established the anti-union activities of the Company. The Company affidavits, however, hurled miscellaneous and irrelevant charges at the Union, but it in no way answered the Union's charges against the Company.

Rather than prolong the hearing by bringing in counter-witnesses, the Union agreed to submit affidavits disproving the Company charges. Such affidavits were secured from 31 Reynolds workers and a minister who had been involved in the Company's charges against the Union. The Union's affidavits proved that the Company's affidavits were a concoction of lies secured, in many cases, through intimidation and finagling.

A SHAKY PLATFORM



From UE News

FROM WASHINGTON

Double-Talk At The GOP Convention

By ELIZABETH SASULY, Legislative Director

BY the time this column is in print the Republicans will have finished putting on their show in Chicago. They set out to fool the people by putting on a double-talk act that would seem to say one thing while it really meant something else. They didn't even succeed in this.

Governor Earl Warren of California started off with a keynote address which was an up-to-date version of Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde. After a few pious words about national unity he got down to cases and made it perfectly clear that he didn't give a hoot about win-the-war unity.

He attacked President Roosevelt's war leadership by calling the achievement of United Nations unity as "power politics." He attacked war mobilization of industry, labor and farmers as "beaurocracy." He modestly said that Republican State officials were responsible for our war successes. And, yes, he even took credit in the name of the Republican Party for the airplanes and materials of war which our war workers have turned out.

HERBIE (bring back depressions) Hoover followed up with the old song that the present administration is "communistic" and a couple of sideswipes at the Soviet Union. Claire Luce pitched in by blaming President Roosevelt for starting the war.

The Republican platform tied it all up in a lot of weasel words that cancel each other out leaving nothing. They were too scared to come out for isolation so they said they were for international cooperation, but this didn't mean a "world state," a dodge which will give Republicans in Congress an out to vote against international cooperation. The foreign trade plank says the Republicans are all for this but they want high tariffs, which makes as much sense as saying you are in favor of collective bargaining but don't believe in unions.

THE platform supports the phoney Equal Rights Amendment which would eliminate all protective laws for women; it claims the Republicans are for expanded social security but skips the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill which would give health insurance and expanded social security benefits to all, including agricultural and packing shed workers, now excluded; it is against price control subsidies.

The labor plank attacked the Roosevelt Administration, during which labor has made its greatest gains, calling it a fascist "labor front." This plank was supposed to win over the AFL, but it is so bad that William Green immediately issued a statement denouncing it. The best the Republican Convention could do in the way of proposals was to say they might keep some of the social and labor legislation of the past ten years.

THIS is the program Dewey is going to run on. He may try to dress up the scarecrow during the campaign but the record speaks for itself. It shows that the people of this country can expect less than nothing from the national leadership of the Republican party. In the all-important Congressional elections of 1944 this means that every man we support must have a record and a program on the issues opposed to 99% of the Republican national program. (Some Republicans may come through on this and that is ok with us.)

The message of the Republican National Convention to every CIO worker is: "This is what you will get if you don't do a job between now and November." (Note: Get a copy of the PAC pamphlet "What Every Canvasser Should Know" and get started.)

Good Bill For Reconversion Now In House

Washington, D. C. — A good reconversion bill, closely resembling the Kilgore Bill in the Senate, was introduced in the House of Representatives just before recess by Emanuel Celler (D, N. Y.). The House bill (HR 5126), which, like the Kilgore Bill, helps war workers and veterans in the change from war to peace production, will be held up till Congress reconvenes on Aug. 1.

In addition to providing for special unemployment benefits and job training for war workers and returning veterans (as does the Senate measure), the Celler Bill would include agricultural workers under its benefits, although this group has been exempt from any unemployment benefits thus far under existing laws. It also covers merchant seamen and government workers, as does the Kilgore Bill.

The CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods have thrown their support to the Kilgore Reconversion Bill, and are likely to support the Celler version, too. The so-called "compromise" bill (S 1730), sponsored by Senators Murray and George have failed to satisfy labor.

PUSH BILL

With the Kilgore and Celler bills in the legislative hopper, Congress now has before it the necessary measures for the prevention of the chaos and crisis that some anti-Roosevelt politicians are hoping for in the post-war period. The present recess is a good time to make reconversion legislation the subject of long talks and strong letters to Senators and Representatives.

With cut-backs already taking place in many war production plants and veterans beginning to [illegible] it is not too soon to [illegible] legislation to meet reconversion problems.

CIO Criticizes Out-of-Date WLB Policies

Washington, D. C.—War Labor Board policies which "instead of being streamlined and designed to meet wartime problems, are actually causing the most intense unrest and resentment throughout the Nation," were sharply criticized by the CIO Executive Board meeting here.

These policies include the continuance of the national wage freeze in the face of the rising cost of living: the "wage bracket" system which imposes wage rates "considerably lower than those arrived at through collective bargaining; interminable delays in Board procedure which have made a mockery of any relief to be obtained through resort to the Board," and the Board's "abdication" of its wage-raising authority to the Wage Stabilization Division of the WLB.

To meet these problems, the CIO Executive Board set up a committee headed by President Murray to call on the Board and urge remedies. Serving on this committee are CIO Vice-Presidents R. J. Thomas, Sherman H. Dalrymple, John Green, Albert J. Fitzgerald, Joseph Curran and Emil Rieve.

Labor Will Buy 2 Billion In Bonds

Washington, D.C. — Organized labor has set for itself a goal of more than $1,800,000,000 in the Fifth War Loan Drive, the Treasury Dept. reports. The labor goal, if achieved, will provide almost a third of the $6,000,000,000 set aside for individual bond buyers.

The CIO alone has taken the quota of $1,000,000,000, or almost $200 per member, for its contribution to the drive.

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D-DAY In The Locals

For People's Peace

De Kalb, Illinois—The following advertisement was published in the De Kalb Daily Chronicle on June 8: "THE INVASION HAS STARTED! The men and women of Local 18, employed at Plant Three of the Cal-Pack Corporation at De Kalb, Ill., hereby pledge full production and support to the fighting front. We oppose Fascism both at home and abroad. We will cooperate with all organizations who believe in the people's peace. We extend sympathy to all who have loved ones on the fighting front." It was signed by W. H. Wheeler, Pres.; and Enoch Royalty, Chief Steward.

Prayers At Fraziers

Elwood, Ind.—On Friday night, June 9, prayers were led by Sister Mock of Local 32 in the Frazier plant, according to Ruth Deckard, acting Press Agent. The workers prayed for success in the Invasion which is the beginning of the final drive for liberation from fascism and for a peoples' peace.

Labor's Record

Washington, D.C.—It may interest a lot of labor-baiters to know that D-Day found some 54,998,602 American workers of the estimated U.S. labor force of 55,000,000 right on the job, producing for victory.

D-Day, among other things, cleared the War Labor Board's docket of unauthorized and wildcat strikes, it was reported by the Board.

There were, however, 2,257 labor dispute cases before the Board and its 12 Regional offices [illegible] these, 1,981

CONGRESSMAN DRIPP by Yomen

"I SEE YOU SELLING PENCILS—AFTER NOV. 7TH."

Cal Pak Appeals Dues Checkoff

DeKalb, Ill.—In a directive order affecting 7,000 seasonal packers in the DeKalb and Rochelle cannery plants of the California Packing Corp., the Regional War Labor Board granted the Union's request for voluntary checkoff and ordered that the seasonal workers receive the same call-in pay as given year-round workers.

The decision of the Board was accepted by Locals 17 and 18, although their request for overtime pay was denied. The Company, however, has appealed the checkoff, thus preventing the Board order from going into effect during the processing season this Summer.

WENT BACK ON WORD

"When we negotiated the contract," stated W. H. Wheeler, Pres. of Local 18, "the Division Manager agreed that if the Board allowed a checkoff for the seasonal workers, that it would be given to the regular workers as well. Now, after the Board has decided in our favor, he appealed the case, thus preventing us from getting the checkoff when we need it most."

WHY CHECKOFF IS NEEDED

In a majority opinion, Vice-Chairman Philip G. Marshall of the Regional Board made clear the reasons why the dues checkoff was so necessary in these plants. He urged that the large number of seasonal employees, the shortness of the season, the tremendous turnover, long hours and other factors were "highly persuasive of the necessity for the propriety of a checkoff covering the seasonal employees." He also called attention to the fact that the type of checkoff called for individually signed authorizations.

Reid Murdock Election Won By Local 74

Ellsworth, Mich. — Seventeen votes were registered for Local 74, and only one against, at the NLRB election held at the Reid Murdoch & Co. plant here recently. This decisive victory has spurred on action to negotiate a new contract immediately, and has also stepped up the campaign to secure bargaining rights for the 28 seasonal workers who were excluded from this election, according to Int. Rep. Chapin K. Armstrong.

Andy Konyer is the new President, and Willard Vanderark the new Financial Secretary of the Local, having been elected to replace Emory Wilson and Peter Drenth, who were removed from the bargaining unit by the NLRB.

The Company processes asparagus, cherries, green beans, corn, beets and carrots under the trade name of "Finer Monark Foods."

Fruit and Vegetable News

Increases Won In First Huston-Baetz Contract

By Luisa Moreno, International Vice-President

Santa Ana, Calif.—Swing shift workers at the Huston & Baetz cabbage dehydrating plant crowded around the time clock during their meal period on the evening of June 16. They were eager to read a copy of their first contract.

When the graveyard shift went on at midnight the workers greeted each other gayly.

"It's signed!" was the remark that passed through the grapevine.

"A signed copy is posted near the time clock. You can't miss it."

The day shift had been in great expectation. It was on the morning of the 17th that they read about wage increases for the women in the preparation department of 15c per hour. Workers on the dry belt and preparation men workers checked the signed rate for 12½c more per hour. Everyone in the plant, it had been agreed, would get an increase of one kind or another. Now the Form 10 was being prepared for War Labor Board approval.

VACATIONS AND OTHER GAINS

A week's vacation with pay after a year's service, seniority rights, a grievance machinery, time and one-half for work on certain holidays and other gains were obtained by the Huston & Baetz workers through their collective bargaining.

Uncle Sam got his due share. The agreement includes a Labor Management Committee and a clause that tends to decrease absence from work and tardiness.

"At our last meeting the workers voted to plug together with management for the War Food Administration's "A Award", announced Int. Rep. Pat Verble as the ink dried on the numerous copies of the agreement.

Conciliator Ruddy nodded approval.

STEWARDS ARE ACTIVE

Although the Union did not press for the union shop in order to obtain speedier wage relief for the workers, the slogan of "Make Huston & Baetz 100% Union" is a live issue.

"We feel that every worker will want to join anyway," remarked Stewardess Noliace Gaines. "They are satisfied with the agreement."

Stewards on the various shifts are: Sisters Effie Jackson, Frances Yost and Eulalia Garcia (day); Sister Clara Bolden (temporarily in place of Mrs. Evans, on sick leave) and Brother Isaac Casas (swing); and Sisters Noliace Gaines and Frances Gomez (graveyard).

The Negotiating Committee that included Sisters Matilda Miller, Helen Ealey, Margaret Stahl and Brother Alcadio Garcia was assisted by Int. Rep. Pat Verble and Int. Vice-Pres. Luisa Moreno.

Int. Rep. Dave Forbes has been assigned to service the plant membership.

Training Leadership Thru Study

Chicago, Ill. — Plans are now being made for the first of a series of UCAPAWA schools for Union leadership training.

The first of these school sessions will be held under the auspices of Chicago's Abraham Lincoln School during the last two weeks in July, and the students will include leading members of UCAPAWA locals in the Midwest. In beautiful surroundings on Lake Mendota, in Wisconsin, the students will have the benefit of studying union problems and current national issues under UCAPAWA officers and special teachers of the Lincoln School.

A second school for Southern UCAPAWA locals will be held in Winston-Salem, N.C., some time in August.

Local 2 Pact Renewed With Continental Can

Fullerton, Calif. — After three friendly negotiating conferences with the management of Continental Can Company, a memorandum was signed covering a renewal of the contract, an agreement to file a Form 10 for identical rates and classifications as will be approved by the War Labor Board for the Los Angeles plant, and other gains.

Plant guards were included for the first time in the agreement.

The Local 2 Committee included the following members: Sisters Bessie Raymond and Birdie Carothers and Brothers Andy Fritts, Clarence Kinney and Clarence Talley. Int. Vice Pres. Luisa Moreno assisted the committee.

Melon Workers Win Overtime; Request Raises

El Centro, Calif.—A case involving the melon workers of Local No. 78 in Imperial Valley and Yuma was settled in favor of the Union, when overtime pay was granted retroactive to May 5, 1943.

The Shippers appealed the case on the eve of negotiations for a contract covering the 1944 season and thereby threatened the entire course of negotiations.

Commissioner of Conciliation Earl J. Ruddy was called in and the Shippers agreed to withdraw their appeal and further agreed to sign a Form 10 for a blanket 15c an hour increase for the floor-help.

The Wage-Stabilization Division of the War Labor Board is being urged to give this Form 10 prompt consideration so that the harvest and packing of the melons will proceed with dispatch.

They Are Building Union In Spite Of Disrupters

Brooklyn, N.Y. — A crisis can either make or break a union, Local 207 learned, and so the members, who work at the Hills Bros. cannery here, decided to stand together during their biggest crisis and build their Local better and stronger than ever.

Faced with an unfavorable court decision, which ruled that a group of disrupters within the Local be reinstated in the Union and the plant, the membership discussed their problems at a special meeting on June 18.

TRY TO PROVOKE

"The Company wants to use this court ruling to break the Union," warned Int. Secy.-Treas. Harold J. Lane, who was called in to offer his advice to the Local. "They would like to see you getting so provoked that you violate your contract and go out on strike. Will you do that?"

Local 207's answer was, No. By unanimous vote of the members, five proposals were accepted to put the Local on a firm footing.

STEPS TAKEN

It was decided to raise dues payments to $1.50 per month; increase initiation fees to $5.00; affiliate to the New York City CIO Council; affiliate to the New York State CIO Council; and to elect a full-time Business Agent to take office July 1. Emmanuel Papas, now President of the Local, was elected Business Agent.

EMMANUEL PAPAS

The court case involved a group of seven members who had been expelled for conducting a stoppage in the plant several months ago in violation of the Local's no-strike agreement with management. An eighth member was expelled for maladministration and non-payment of dues. The Local voted to appeal the decision to a higher court, and, meanwhile, to consolidate the Union in order to isolate the disrupters.

STRONG ACTION

"Let us face our problems as workers," advised Secy.-Treas. Lane, "and take strong action to smash any anti-union attacks at home and to help our brothers in the armed forces to smash fascism abroad, to bring a peoples' victory and a peoples' peace."

Also present at the meeting was Int. Vice-Pres. Armando Ramirez who assisted the Local through its difficulties.

BACK AT WORK

OPAL SPURLOCK, Local 35 Shop Steward at the Edinburg Citrus shed in Edinburg, Texas, is now back at work and building the Union after being discharged by the Company last February. The NLRB charged the Company with unfair labor practices, for firing Sister Spurlock and Brother Burnell McElhaney for Union activity. "Well, that's good," Sister Spurlock said when she heard the Board's order. "We will now make the plant 100% Union."

From UAW Ammunition

These Are The Nation's Gains Under Pres. Roosevelt

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT'S record is one of great and glorious achievement. Under his leadership we . . . moved forward to these achievements:

ON THE LABOR FRONT: The guarantee of labor's right to organize and bargain collectively; Minimum Wage legislation; the outlawing of child labor.

ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY FRONT: Old age insurance; unemployment insurance; aid to the blind, the crippled, the needy.

ON THE FARM FRONT: The raising of farm income and the saving of farms from foreclosure; the rescue of small and marginal farmers; crop insurance; the ever-normal granary; rural electrification.

ON THE HOUSING FRONT: The saving of a million urban homes from foreclosure through the HOLC; slum clearance and low cost housing; the stimulation of private home building through the FHA.

ON THE CONSERVATION FRONT: Soil conservation; the TVA; unparallelled progress in flood control; erosion control; the conservation of all our natural resources.

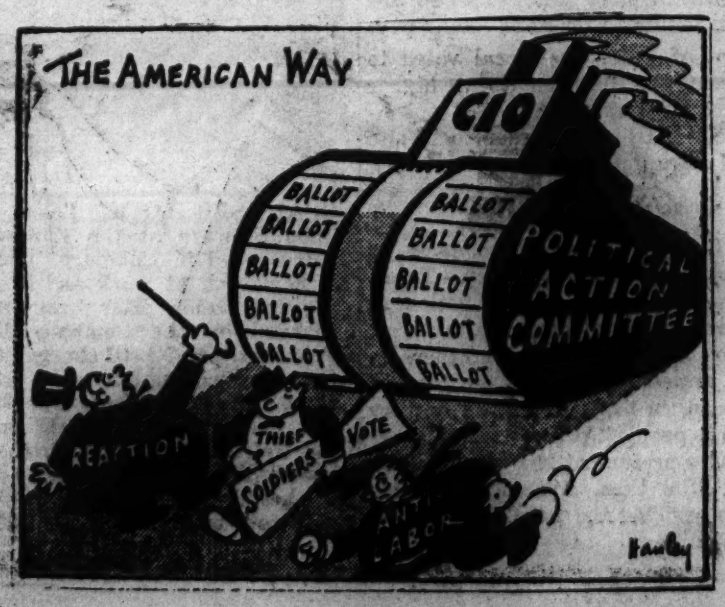
ON THE FINANCIAL FRONT: The insuring of bank deposits; an improved banking act; the protection of investors through SEC; the curbing of utility empires.

ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY FRONT: President Roosevelt was among the first to recognize that the advance of the organized thugs in Europe, Asia and Africa threatened our own national security and to call for collective action to halt aggression. When that call went unheeded and Europe was plunged into war he led us in arming for our own defense and providing assistance to the nations resisting Hitler. As Commander-in-Chief he has given us unparallelled leadership on our march to Victory. As one of the principal architects of the United Nations he laid the foundation for the coalition of our freedom-loving nations which assures victory over the enemy and the possibility of an enduring peace.

FDR Has Not Failed Us

As President, and as Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces, he has not failed us.

We urge the nation to draft and elect Franklin Delano Roosevelt for another term in office as the man best qualified to lead the American People during the next four crucial years.



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"Ultimate victory . . . must bring with it the as truction of Fascism; the full realization of the of an abundant life for the Common Man of t

HERE is a program for the people of the United States—a guide to our fighting Nation. Organized labor has the power to help win this program for all the people by making this national election year a milestone of progress.

If we succeed in rallying the voters to the polls; in re-electing President Roosevelt; in electing a win-the-war Congress; then we will be on the highroad toward victory and peace.

The CIO Political Action Program, parts of which are printed on these pages, is our guidepost in this fight.

The New Bill of Rights

WE must plan our domestic economy in order to achieve the kind of post-war America which Pres. Roosevelt proclaimed in his New Bill of Rights:

"The right to a useful and remunerative job . . .;

"The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation;

"The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living;

"The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies . . .;

"The right of every family to a decent home;

"The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health;

"The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident and unemployment;

"The right to a good education."

We propose that as soon as the 79th Congress convenes it adopt by Joint Resolution of the Senate and the House the President's New Bill of Rights as the basic objective of our national policy.

TO help carry out this aim, we propose that Congress establish a permanent National Planning Board, composed of representatives of industry, labor and agriculture. This board should cooperate with other government agencies in developing programs to realize the New Bill of Rights.

We propose that the National Planning Board encourage the establishment for each industry of an industry council, composed of representatives of labor, management, agriculture (if the case requires) and government, to assist in making and carrying out plans for full production and full employment in the post-war period.

Full Production and Full Employment

THE key to firm national unity for the most vigorous prosecution of the war is effective economic stabilization to set up and maintain a fair balance between wages, prices and profits. Such a program requires:

A policy permitting wage increases which will realistically reflect the rise in living costs, with special consideration to substandard rates, equal pay for equal work by women and the problems of white collar, professional and government workers, whose income has tended to become fixed.

Effective price and rent controls and firm rationing to prevent further price increases, with food subsidies in an amount sufficient to hold prices at present levels while maintaining farm incomes, during the period of post-war reconversion.

Heavier progressive taxes on personal incomes and corporate profits, with a $25,000 ceiling on net personal incomes after taxes. We strongly oppose the sales tax and urge elimination of the victory tax principle.

We favor proposals for facilitating war contract termination and orderly reconversion as rapidly as possible.

Proper provisions must be made for the human aspect of reconversion, as proposed in the Kilgore Bill. This bill provides for centralized planning of reconversion with labor participation. It would help speed re-employment of displaced workers and add to their unemployment insurance during their period of idleness. We also urge payment of dismissal wages to workers laid off upon reconversion.

We propose that the sale to private industry of any government-owned plant or facility be made with full protection of the public interest.

Public Works

WE must immediately plan a comprehensive public works program financed from Federal, state and local funds, to embrace such projects as flood control, soil conservation, forestation, public power, rural electrification, roads, schools, hospitals and other public buildings and sanitation facilities.

We shall have to build a minimum of 1,500,000 dwellings a year, over at least a 10-year period, to rehouse our urban and farm popu-

Small Busines

WE urge an adequate program of credits to small business to finance its purchase of surplus government property and facilitate reconversion. We also favor government assistance in giving small business access to expert research, engineering and marketing services.

A nation dedicated to planning

Servicemen

WE owe the greatest obligation to our men and women who now fight our battles . . . The best way to repay them in part . . . is to attain the goal of full employment and thus assure them of jobs and security.

The following measures are (also) essential: Hospitalization, completion of education, with tuition and subsistence at government expense; adequate demobilization pay, loans for the improvement or purchase of homes, farms or business establishments without interest for the first year; special provision to expedite the

Social Security

WE urge the immediate enactment of the Wagner-Murray-Dingel Bill as a long forward step toward the attainment of full so-

Civil Rights

THE hateful practice of discrimination because of race, religion or national origin against which we are fighting abroad must be stamped out at home. Economic, political and civil equality must be guaranteed to every American, regardless of his race, creed or national origin.

We call for the establishment of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee with adequate appropriations and enforcement powers. We urge legislation to prohibit activities or propa-

We Fight For

**t the assurance of lasting peace; the utter des-
n of the Four Freedoms; and the development
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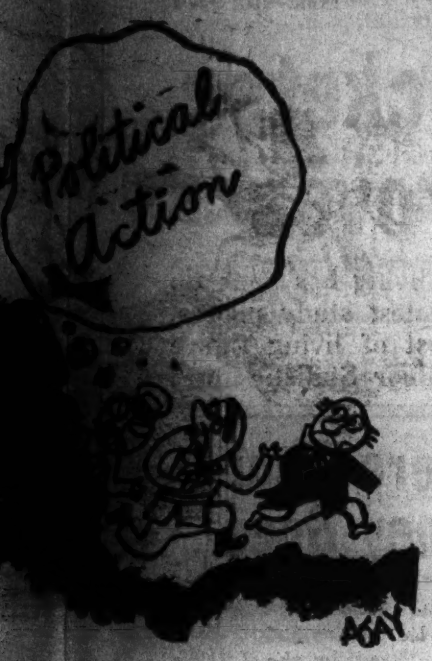
(From the CIO Political Action Program)



Foreign Policy

OUR first duty is to assure the total mobilization of our people and our resources and, in close cooperation with Great Britain, the Soviet Union, China and the people of the occupied lands, to speed the day of full and final victory. We shall not be satisfied with less than the complete extermination of Nazism, Fascism and Japanese Imperialism and all their evils.

Closely associated with the task of mobilizing for victory is the task of planning a peace . . .

THE objectives for which we fight are set forth in the Four Freedoms, the Good Neighbor policy, the Atlantic Charter, and the United Nations' agreement. These objectives can be reached only if the coalition of the United Nations . . . is preserved and strengthened in the peace to follow.

We urge the establishment . . . of a general international organization open to membership by all peace-loving states, large and small . . . to destroy the basis of militarism and Fascist power . . . and to maintain international peace and security by taking prompt collective action against any future aggressor.

We . . . urge the establishment of international machinery to make long-term credits available to industrially backward nations so that they may create an industrial economy for themselves which will raise the living standards and provide economic security for their people.

We urge extension of the right of asylum for persecuted minorities . . . and adequate guarantees for the protection of racial, religious and political minorities by international agreement . . .

We advocate complete support and adequate financing of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration . . .

We urge . . . adequate labor representation of all planning and administrative bodies charged with the formulations and administration of the fore-going programs.

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lation to minimum standards of decency and comfort.

To the extent that private construction proves unable to fill the peoples' needs, the government—city, state and federal—must take the necessary steps to assure every American a decent home at a cost within his means.

We advocate the continuance of price guarantees to farmers at levels which will encourage full production and assure them of a fair return for their product.

an economy of abundance and the full utilization of all our productive resources cannot tolerate practices on the part of monopolies and international cartels which restrict production, stifle fair competition, hamper the full development of domestic and foreign trade and endanger world peace.

placement of veterans in jobs, federal unemployment benefits to begin four weeks after demobilization and continue for a period up to two years after initial employment.

While the so-called GI Bill provides many of these benefits, we urge that it be strengthened by granting increased benefits to disabled veterans and their dependents and by increasing their unemployment insurance to a minimum of $25 a week, to be paid as long as unemployment continues. We also urge extension of coverage to include merchant seamen and Red Cross workers.

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Our nation can and must guarantee equality of opportunity for education to every American.

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ganda directed against any individuals because of their racial, religious or national origin.

Free, strong and responsible labor organizations are the bulwark of democracy. Their growth, and the extension of the process of collective bargaining throughout American industry must be encouraged as an objective of national policy. The right to join labor unions of their own choosing must be guaranteed and protected for all wage earners, including federal, state and local government employees.

UCAPAWA Locals Organize PACs

WE POINT with pride to the UCAPAWA Locals who have geared their forces for action in the political arena. These locals, who have appointed Political Action Committees, have thus laid the groundwork for carrying out labor's program by rallying the people to vote in the November elections.

The following are some of UCAPAWA's Local PACs:

92 **Indianapolis, Ind.**—Walter Rassdel, Ernie Karweik, Claude Lemons, Joe Calvert, David Quarles, John Weasner.

124 **Huntingburg, Ind.**—C. F. Meyerholtz, Wayne Helmrich, Ben Kappner, Ben Tormohlen.

84 **Indianapolis, Ind.** — Edward Watts, Peter Simons, Milon Brown, Edward Mullen, Ambrose Smith.

155 **Oskaloosa, Iowa** — Leland Stigers, Albert Belger, Pearl Wymore.

TWOC **Winston - Salem, N. C.**—Daniel B. Jackson, William Malone, Eddie Gallimore, Carrine Pickenpack, Robert Latham, Jessie May Bishop, Diana Blanding, Clark Sheppard, Henry Caffer, Clyde Watt.

80 **Camden, N. J.**—Edward Thompson, Pauline Mickle, Joseph Colangelo, Benjamin Butler, Anna Magee, Anthony Valentino, John Juditz, William Miller.

18 **De Kalb, Ill.** — W. H. Wheeler, Curtis Dowden, Enoch Royalty, Ernest Carlson.

17 **Rochelle, Ill.** — Edward Mear, Melvin Govig, August Englekus.

If your Local has a Political Action Committee, but is not listed here, it is because the names have not been sent to the International Office yet.

Watch for more PAC lists in coming issues of the News.

New Political Action Committee Will Raise 3 Million Dollars

Washington, D. C.—In order to bring farmers, workers and all progressives together for political action, the CIO Political Action Committee at its conference on June 17 indorsed the formation of a new and broader national political action committee.

The new committee will be composed of labor leaders and a number of progressive Americans outside the labor movement, and it will raise campaign funds for the re-election of Roosevelt and the election of a win-the-war Congress through individual contributions.

With a goal of 3 million dollars obtained mostly from voluntary contributions of $1, the new group will swing into action this month to mobilize American voters for full and enlightened participation in the 1944 elections, national State and local.

What Every Canvasser Should Know

Is your Congressman stalling?

Is he getting your goat?

Let's go out and ring doorbells

And get the neighbors to vote!

That's the advice given in the new CIO song hit which is destined to sweep the country.

And more thorough advice on ringing neighbors' doorbells and getting out the vote is supplied in CIO Political Action Committee pamphlet, "What Every Canvasser Should Know."

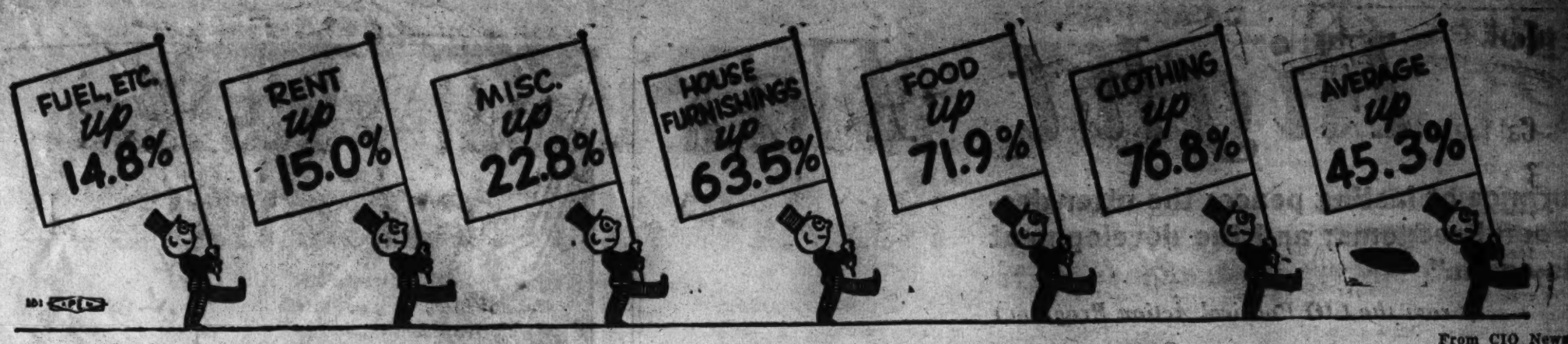
This new pamphlet (which can be purchased through the PAC, 205 East 42 St., New York 17, N. Y.) is the third in a series called, "Every Worker a Voter," which is seeking to inform American workers about the vital issues in the 1944 elections and the proper techniques in registering and inspiring labor to vote.

In simple but effective terms, the pamphlet explains the importance of canvassing. Through personal contacts, for which there is no substitute it says, the issues in this year's crucial elections will be placed before the public.

Canvassers are urged to know thoroughly the important issues at stake before they visit prospective voters in their community. The voting records of Congressmen and the CIO's record in supporting progressive legislation are other vital data canvassers should have at their finger-tips.

Labor's political action workers are given excellent pointers on how to approach the future voter. Don't press too hard on the first visit, canvassers are told, but always ask if they and members of their family are registered. If they are not, offer to help them register.

Registration must always be stressed. Canvassers are told to emphasize this and to impress upon the people that unless they are registered they can't vote in November. And to forfeit their vote is to neglect a patriotic duty, the pamphlet declares.



From CIO News

Cotton and Cottonseed Oil News

Union Prevents Strike in Plant

By Thelma Carter, Financial Secretary, Local 19

Memphis, Tenn.—Local 19 did a good job in preventing a strike in a war plant here on June 15. Special credit is due Brother Ed Johnson, chairman of the Buckeye Johnson unit, and the Shop Stewards in the plant. They prevented one irresponsible Union member from provoking a strike in this cotton compress.

When they heard that some worker had written the Buckeye Company that if the War Labor Board did not hand down a decision by June 15 the shop would shut down, Brother Johnson and all the Shop Stewards met with the Business Agent and the Executive Board of Local 19 and pledged to keep the shop going and prevent any Union members from participating in a strike.

IRRESPONSILE PERSON

On Thursday morning, June 15, an irresponsible Union member went to work under the influence of liquor, and the foreman took him outside the gate, instructing the guard not to let him come back. For no apparent reason, the guard grabbed a baseball bat and hit this member, but through Brother Johnson's leadership and the Shop Stewards' cooperation, the strike was prevented.

WORK DOES NOT STOP

Not one machine stopped. The Company readily admitted the error of the guard and admitted that they did not want such people on their payroll. Business Agent Reuel Stanfield and the Committee likewise admitted their member was wrong by coming on the job drunk.

With the permission of Brother Stanfield and the Union Committee, the Company fired the worker who had come in drunk, and the Union kept production going smoothly.

Local 75 Keeps Faith in CIO

By Albert Rock Richardson, Press Agent

Houston, Texas—Local 75 is doing fine and is now negotiating its 1944 contract with the cotton compresses. The contract is all signed with the exception of certain articles awaiting approval of the War Labor Board.

Our members have faith that in the South, under the largest wings of Old Jim Crow, they will stand on the labor fronts and hold up their CIO flag.

Local 75 is getting some support from Negroes of the city, such as churches, and with the help of Rev. Evans of the Forest Lawn Baptist Church, we are holding meetings so that the people are being able to understand the entire fight.

Grain Processing

Dannen Workers Negotiate For First Contract

St. Joseph, Mo. — The recent election victory at the Dannen Grain and Milling Co. here brought approximately 70 new workers under the wing of Local 125, which is already under contract with the Quaker Oats Co.

Among the contract demands the Union will make are: union security; checkoff; plant-wide seniority; time-and-a-half over 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week; a guarantee of 4 hours for reporting for work and 4 hours' call-in pay; pay for 6 holidays if not worked; one and two week vacations; and wage increases to meet the standards in the industry.

The Negotiating Committee consists of: George Walters, John Kates, Jake Cogdill, Maurice Watson, Elmer Horn, George Fletcher, Steve Salanski, Harvey Kenney and K. L. Word.

Officers of this new division of Local 125 are: Maurice Watson, Pres.; Louis Jensen, Vice-Pres.; John Kates, Rec. Secy.; Glenn Clites, Floor Guard; and Chief Stewards George Walters, George Fletcher and Harvey Kenney.

Living Cost Rockets 45.3%, CIO Proves

Washington D. C. — Your cost of living has gone up 45.3% since January, 1941, the CIO's latest study proves, according to CIO News. This new cost of living figure disputes the claim of the Bureau of Labor Statistics that living costs have risen only 23.4%

The study, issued by CIO Pres. Philip Murray and UAW Pres. R. J. Thomas and called "Living Costs in World War II," shows you're paying 71.9% more for food than you paid in January, 1941; 76.8% more for clothing; 63.5% more for house furnishings; 15% more for rent; 14.8% more for fuel, and 22.8% more for "miscellaneous."

WLB INDEX OLD

This contrasts with the much lower figures shown by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which are still being used by the War Labor Board as the basis of its wage policy.

Released the same week was the report of WLB Chairman Wm. H. Davis' special committee of experts which also found that the WLB Index was "misleading" and suggested that the BLS call it by another name than "Cost of Living Index." The report to Davis indicated that the BLS deliberately ignored the total cost of living and selected only a few items to study.

LITTLE STEEL UNFAIR

Despite the increase of 45.3% in living costs, the Murray-Thomas report said that "the WLB has refused to recognize this fact, and has — with few exceptions — held wages down to the unfair and obsolete Little Steel formula."

Where Your Money Goes

HERE'S how the cost of living has gone up 45.3%—almost twice the amount the BLS Index used in the Little Steel formula says it has—according to the Murray-Thomas report, "Living Costs in World War II," just released:

Higher dollars and cents prices—chiefly in retail stores.

Quality deterioration—a shirt not only costs more, but it lasts only half as long as it used to.

Forced trading-up — cheap items have disappeared from stores, and you have to buy a higher priced substitute that's usually not so good.

No more special and week-end sales—you used to be able to save by watching for them. Now they don't exist.

More restaurant meals—war workers have to eat out more at much higher prices.

Rent chiseling — greatest in working class boarding houses, trailers, etc.

Forced purchase of homes—real estate agents unload homes at three times their real value on war workers who have to buy in order to have a place to sleep.

Bond Award To Cut Down Absenteeism

Memphis, Tenn. — A joint request for approval of a system of War Bond prizes to discourage absenteeism was submitted to the War Labor Board on June 19 by Local 19 and the Abraham Bros. Packing Co.

The proposal is to award War Bonds by a lottery system each week to employees attaining a good attendance record in each of the nine departments in the plant.

BOND LOTTERY

"Each department that has a weekly average of 10% or less absenteeism will be entitled to participate in the weekly drawing for a $25.00 War Bond," the request states. "This drawing is contingent upon the average absenteeism for the entire plant being 10% or less. If the average of absenteeism for the entire plant should drop to 5% or less, an additional $50.00 War Bond will be drawn for each week that average is attained."

The Union and Company agreed that these awards would in no way be considered as part of wages in the plant.

Our War Labor Board Cases

The table below summarizes the current War Labor Board cases of which the International Office has a record, as of June 26. If your case is not on this list, the reason is that your local has not reported it to the International Office.

Dispute Cases

Pending in Washington

Name	Local	Date Certified
Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., Memphis, Tenn.	19	Nov. 6, 1943
California Packing Corp., DeKalb & Rochelle, Ill.	17 & 18	Dec. 16, 1943
Export, Piedmont and Winston Leaf, Winston-Salem, N. C.	TWOC	Oct. 22, 1943
Fosgate Co., Orlando, Fla.	4	
Pretlow Peanut Co., Franklin, Va.	511	Apr. 1, 1943
Quaker Oats Co., St. Joseph, Mo.	125	Nov. 5, 1943

Pending in Regional Offices

Alaska Salmon Industry, Seattle, Wash.	7	Apr. 19, 1944
Assoc. of Italian Cigar Mfrs., Inc., New York City	647	Apr. 28, 1944
Bay Cooperative Canneries, Inc., Essexville, Mich.	82	Feb. 5, 1944
Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., N. Little Rock, Ark	98	Jan. 19, 1944
Campbell Soup Co., Camden, N. J.	80	Apr. 20, 1944
Campbell Soup Co., Chicago, Ill.	194	Apr. 20, 1944
Eshelman Feed Co., York Pa.	101	June 1, 1944
Frazier Packing Corp., Elwood, Ind.	32	Aug. 18, 1943
Grower-Shippers, Central Calif.	78	April 5, 1944
Grower-Shippers, Phoenix, Ariz.	78	Apr. 10, 1944
Huron Milling Co., Harbor Beach, Mich.	20	Nov. 13, 1943
Klein Cigar, New York, N. Y.	273	June 1, 1944
Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc., Rush City, Minn.	49	June 15, 1943
Leland Cotton Oil Co., Leland, Miss.	189	Oct. 4, 1943
Lutheran Cemetery, Maspeth, L.I., N.Y.	293	May 19, 1943
Malone and Hyde, Memphis, Tenn.	19	June 20, 1944
National Starch Co., Indianapolis, Ind.	92	Nov. 16, 1943
R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.	TWOC	Apr. 26, 1944

Pending in Regional Offices (Continued)

Name	Local	Date Certified
San Francisco Sardine Ass'n, San Francisco, Calif	7	Sept. 4, 1943
Swift & Co., La Crosse, Wis.	448	Aug. 31, 1943
F. B. Vahlsing, Inc., Weslaco, Texas	35	Mar. 25, 1944

Voluntary Wage Cases

Pending in Washington

Name	Local
Gulf Atlanta Compress, Memphis, Tenn.	19
Happy Mills, Memphis, Tenn.	19

Pending in Regional Offices

Brumder Estates, Inc., Milwaukee, Wis.	107
Dow Cheese Co., Fond Du Lac, Wis.	341
Elberta Canning Co., Elberta, Mich.	65
Helena Compress Co., Helena, Ark.	232
Humphrey Mills, Memphis, Tenn.	19
Jiffy Mfg. Co., Hillside, N. J.	154
Kraft Cheese, Summitville, Ind.	48
P. Lorillard Co., Middletown, Ohio	55
Loyalty Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.	107
Lummis & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.	186
Marshall Co., Marshalltown, Iowa	186
Miller Broom Co., La Crosse, Wisc.	468
Milwaukee Mech. Co., Milwaukee, Wisc.	107
Augustus Pollack, Wheeling, W. Va.	200
Swift's Refinery, Harvey, La	309
United Casket Co., Detroit, Mich.	58
United Trelles Cigar, New Orleans, La.	91
Webster-Eisenlohr, Detroit, Mich.	281
Western Growers, Yuma, Ariz.	78
Wilson & Toomer, Jacksonville, Fla.	4-A

Notes from the LOCALS

Cal San Demands

3 Los Angeles, Calif.—Negotiations have been entered into between Local 3 and the California-Sanitary Packing Corporation for a new agreement. Among the demands are: check-off (the cannery is already under Union Shop contract); wage increases to wipe out present intra-industry inequities; a better seniority clause and a hospitalization plan.

Compress Contract

19 Memphis, Tenn.—Local 19 has finished negotiations with Union Compress. The contract allows a week's vacation, ice water on the job, hot and cold showers, group insurance and a week's pay for any man being called to the armed forces.

Vacations at Lorillard

55 Middletown, Ohio—At a recent Local 55 meeting, we were informed that vacation checks would be received June 30 at P. Lorillard. President Oscar Riley said that those wanting certain weeks for their vacation, were to contact the foreman and make arrangements, because the factory would continue to operate. Therefore, only a few could be absent at one time.

The Local is trying to get hospitalization, sick, accident and death benefits. President Riley said that the Company offering the best insurance would write the policy.

By Jennie Stiver, Press Agent

Pear and Tomato Pacts

78 Salinas, Calif.—Local 78 is at present negotiating for new agreements covering the pear and tomato packing industry of Northern California. More than 50 agreements covering more than 2,000 workers are involved.

C. J. Feller, Int. Rep., and Jack Frost, Pres. of Local 78, are heading the negotiating committee composed of rank-and-file members working in the industry. Among the demands are: check-off; equitable increases; and preferential hiring and elimination of split-bench.

110 Cedar Rapids, Iowa—The Quaker Company of Cedar Rapids has repealed the War Labor Board's grant of a checkoff and night bonus which has been reported in a recent issue.

The WLB has asked for all available copies of posters and bulletins made by Louie Jedlicka. They commented very highly on them and will use them. Congratulations, Louie, your good work is nationwide now.

Win 3c Increase

495 Carrollville, Wis. — Local 495 and the U. S. Glue and Gelatine Co. have just completed negotiations of our new contract and the membership voted to accept the counter-proposals of the Company, which are: 3c an hour general increase in hourly rate; 2 weeks' vacation; and 1c increase in shift premiums.

By Anton Vanderloop, Sec.-Treas.

CAMPAIGNER

INEZ RODGERS, Chief Shop Steward in the Abraham Brothers Packing Company unit of Local 19, is further proof of latent ability coming into the spotlight through unionization.

Sister Rodgers turns her enthusiasm for the CIO into action; in just one week she signed up 24 members for Local 19. She was chosen to attend the Southeastern Conference of UCAPAWA as Local 19's delegate, which is really an achievement as the membership is approximately 95% male.

The Memphis YWCA is campaigning for funds to increase its facilities and service to the women of Memphis. Sister Rodgers, representing Local 19, has been made captain of a colored team for this drive. To date she has collected $83.50 from the employees of her shop, and on June 18 reported she had collected an additional $103.00. Therefore, Sister Rodgers, as an active CIO member, has been able to further cement friendly relations between the colored and white races of Memphis.

By Rebecca Stanfield, Press Agt.

PENN STATE

MARION CARNEGAY (left) and MARY DUGGINS (right) two of the workers of the Penn State Cigar Co. in Philadelphia, Pa., stuck to the Union till final victory was won in the election on June 15.

These girls did a bang-up job in the plant, so that the workers there could have a voice in their wages, hours and working conditions and be able to play a fuller role in the winning of the war.

When meetings were called, these girls were always there; when cards needed signing these girls got them signed: and when the spirits were low after the Company's intimidation they were always cheerful. These are the kind of UCAPAWA members that have made this great Union a success. Girls, we salute you!

By Paul Gardner, Int. Rep.

Fish Canning and Seafood News

Alaska Local Puts End To Army Discrimination

By Rose Dellama, International Representative

Juneau, Alaska—On May 9, Local 269 and the Juneau CIO Council won a great victory when Captain Frank Boaz, Army Commander here, revoked an order which prohibited men in uniform from speaking to or being seen with native women. This Army ruling has been in effect in most sections of Alaska, since the Alaskan Command under General Simon Buckner was organized.

By bringing forward the problem of discrimination against the native Indian people of Alaska, and getting the support of the CIO Council and the Governor, the Local has brought an end to one of the most sweeping and discriminatory practices against any group of people in the United States.

Most CIO members are familiar with the problems of the discrimination against racial groups in the United States such as Negroes, Mexicans and Filipinos, but very few are aware of the fact that in Alaska, the native and original American population is subjected to much the same treatment.

This particular Army ruling was first the subject of discussion in a membership meeting in Local 269, at which time a Committee was elected to take the matter up with the CIO Council. At the time it was brought out that in many instances, native boys in the armed forces had been prevented from speaking to their own families on the street. It was also brought out by the members that such a ruling could have no other effect than to lower the morale of and the support of the native people for the war effort.

The Committee members elected Ruth Hayes, Business Agent; Martha Jacobs, Secretary; and Mamie Bacon, who took the matter up with the CIO Council, which in turn elected a Committee to investigate and protest the matter.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS

The CIO Committee then called on Governor Gruening and asked his support in the matter. Governor Gruening informed the Committee that he had protested the matter some time last year, but that he would try again.

Revocation of the order came immediately after the Governor intervened in the case.

The repeal of the order was hailed as a significant gain not only by the CIO and UCAPAWA, but by the native population generally. The problem of discrimination is a particularly important one, as at least 50% of all UCAPAWA members and the population in Alaska are natives.

Resident Workers Ask Seasonal Guarantees

Ketchikan, Alaska—Demands of resident cannery workers of Alaska for a seasonal wage guarantee equal to that given non-resident workers were brought forward at a special War Labor Board hearing held here on June 15 and 16 by Rose Dellama, Int. Rep., Marguerite Hansen, Business Agent, Local 236; and Tena Haines, Local 237.

The hearing was held before a hearing officer, and was called especially to give residents of Alaska a chance to present their cases directly to the WLB, instead of indirectly through representation in Seattle.

UNION'S CASE

The UCAPAWA representatives made it understood that the case for resident cannery workers was being presented before the panel of the WLB in Seattle as part of the case for all cannery workers—resident as well as non-resident—but in as much as the hearing was being held to give resident Alaskans the opportunity to express themselves, the UCAPAWA representatives would briefly outline the Union's case on the one problem that affected the residents alone—that of an equal seasonal guarantee.

The Union listed the demands being made for all cannery workers, the major demands being:

A 30% bonus straight across the board;

A bonus of $75.00 per worker on lines speeded up above certain 1942 levels;

An equal seasonal guarantee for resident workers.

WORKERS SPEAK

An interesting sidelight on the hearing was that although other Unions claiming to represent cannery workers were present and made demands for wage increases, the only actual cannery workers present who took part in the hearing were members of UCAPAWA.

Fired Worker Wins Job Back

Hoonah, Alaska—The value of being a CIO member was plainly demonstrated to members here when through action of Int. Rep. Rose Dellama and delegates of the Alaska Fishermen's Union and the Machinists' Union, one of the members of Local 263 was reinstated on her job after being fired without cause.

Lottie Greenwald had been hired to do pre-season work in the mess house at Icy Straits Cannery. After working several weeks on a job on which she had worked for several seasons and had clear seniority, she was fired without notice and without reason.

When the International Representative arrived in Hoonah the case was brought to her. She took it up with the other delegates and they jointly called on the Superintendent to win her reinstatement. As a result Sister Greenwald went back to work the next day.

Local Recruits Cannery Labor

By Marie Tagaban, Press Agent

Petersburg, Alaska—Local 222 has recently conducted an election and all officers will remain in office until the Fall. They are: Mrs. Stella Harris, Pres.; Mrs. Dorothy Hofstad, Secy.; Mrs. Anna MacDonald, Business Agent.

In addition, along with all other Alaska Locals we have been conducting a registration of manpower and are making every effort to see that experienced cannery workers go back into the salmon canneries this year.

Fire Destroys Village; Union Offers Relief

Hoonah, Alaska—When fire destroyed the village of Hoonah on June 14, many members of Local 263, as well as the rest of the population lost their homes and their personal belongings. Some 500 people lived in the village. The Governor and relief organizations immediately made provisions for housing and other relief.

Upon news of the disaster, Rose Dellama, Int. Rep., wired Robert Grant, Sec'y-Treas. of the Local, conveying the deep concern of the other Alaska locals, and offering any support and cooperation needed in contacting Government and relief agencies.

She also immediately addressed communications to all of the Alaska locals asking them to set up relief committees to collect personal items, such as clothing, etc., for the people of the stricken town.

Tobacco News

5,000 Tobacco Workers Have Gay Time At Picnic

By Theodosia Simpson, Field Representative

Winston-Salem, N. C. — Some 5,000 Union members and friends turned out on Saturday, June 24, when a picnic was held here to mark the close of the first series of educational classes in the Union.

At three o'clock people began to gather at the Happy Hill Recreational Center. The Eucational Committee had scheduled games, races and contests in addition to preparation of a very delicious repast.

A short program was held in the late afternoon. Rev. R. M. Pitts prayed a dedicatory prayer for our boys and girls in the Armed Forces. Int. Rep. Frank Hargrove introduced Mr. J. R. Fain, chairman of the Fifth War Loan Drive in Forsyth County, who made an appeal for the fullest support of our membership in this drive. The Swaneers Quartet, under the direction of Bro. Garfield Wilson, rendered several musical selections.

Baseball games, horse-shoe pitching, bowling and dancing were all going on at once.

The educational department is under the direction of Sister Eleanor Hoagland, who was recently added to the Tobacco Workers Organizing Committee Staff. She is really swell and has been a great asset to our organization here. Others on the Committee are: Velma Hopkins, Carl Danner and Garfield Wilson of the Reynolds workers; Robert Lathan of Export Leaf; Christine Gardner and Suevery Hines of Piedmont Leaf; and Robert Lindsay and Ruth Floyd of Winston Leaf.

Other educational classes are scheduled to begin in the near future.

TRUSTEE

ALICE POWELL, Field Rep., is now a trustee of the Vigo County Industrial Union Council (CIO). Her election to that important post occurred on June 9th, at the annual vote for officers.

UNION MEN IN UNIFORM

Congratulates Local For A Great Job At Home

Camden, N. J.—From the Italian front, Pvt. Chester Wojceichowski, member of Local 80, sends congratulations to his fellow workers at Campbells for winning the "A" Award:

"I received your letter and enjoyed hearing from you very much. I'm sorry that I couldn't reply sooner, but I guess that you realize that we do not have much time on fields of action.

"In reading your letter, I have noticed that my fellow workers are doing a great job on the home front to help us to bring victory together. I am delighted to hear that Local 80 has received the "A" Award flag and pins for doing such a splendid job.

"I am very happy to hear that the Union is going to send news letters to us men in the Armed Forces and I hope I will be able to receive them regularly. Unfortunately I have not received your Local 80 News and literature that you have been sending out. It would make me very happy to hear about my fellow workers and conditions in the plant.

"I'm on the front lines somewhere in Italy doing my part to wipe out the Axis and to complete our victory. The only good things that I have found here in Italy are their wine and spaghetti, but nothing will make me any happier till I return home and to be back with my fellow workers.

"I certainly miss the States and the beer that I used to drink with my fellow workers after work. I hope to take up where I left off."

'Keep Things Going,' Sailor Tells Union

Camden, N.J. — The following letter was received by Local 80 from Raymond L. Garrett, Boatswains Mate 2nd Class, from "somewhere in the Pacific":

"I wish to thank you all for the Local 80 News I have been receiving from time to time. I enjoy reading the paper . . . it sure lets a fellow know how things are going at Campbell Soup Co. You feel good to get the news of where men you worked with are at.

"I am somewhere in the Pacific —the best I can say on a destroyer. Tell all the boys and girls in the can or body-making Dept. at 2nd Street I said hello and best wishes to them all. Tell them to keep up the good work. I get some Campbell Soup to eat when I go ashore real often, as it is one of the best.

"I see they are keeping you real busy most all the time. Well, good luck to you, and keep things going, as we will need work when this war is over and we come back home to live."

PILOT "HANK"

FIRST LT. HENRY "HANK" STORINO, member of Local 7-2 in Seattle since 1939, is 22 years old, a P-38 Lightning fighter pilot. He flies with the famous "Vampires" squadron, second highest scoring unit of the 13th AAF in the South Pacific, with 162 Jap aircraft to its credit. "Hank earned his wings the hard way," writes Local 7-2 Pres. James Mollendorf. "The same way that the employees in the canning industry have to work and fight to obtain decent and

THE NEW VETERAN GETS THEIR OKAY

"A swell job," said Captain Jack Reiter of the U.S. Air Forces when he and his pretty wife looked over the first issue of the "New Veteran," new publication of the National CIO War Relief Committee and the first paper in the country devoted entirely to veterans' interests. Capt. Reiter, a CIO member, is now home on furlough after escaping from a German hospital in Italy. Servicemen and local unions can subscribe to this vest-pocket monthly magazine, which deals with many of the down-to-earth problems of our returning servicemen, at the rate of $1 per year. Send your subscription to THE NEW VETERAN, National CIO War Relief Committee, 1776 Broadway, New York, 19, N.Y.

Member Missing

Camden, N.J.—Local 80 here has heard that a member, Staff Sgt. Henry S. Popivlek, who formerly worked at Campbells, was reported missing in action over Europe. Popivlek is a tail gunner in a Flying Fortress.

Bill In Senate To Liberalize Vets' Benefits

Washington, D.C. (FP)—A broad liberalization of the unemployment insurance benefits in the GI Bill of Rights is contained in a bill introduced in the Senate June 19 by Sen. James E. Murray (D. Mont.). It would also lengthen the duration of the benefits provided.

The GI Bill now provides that a jobless veteran shall receive $20 a week. Murray's bill increases this by $5 per week for each dependent, up to a total of $35.

Murray's bill also knocks out the restrictive provisions in the GI Bill inserted by Sen. Theo Bilbo (D. Miss.) which limit eligibility for the unemployment benefits. Bilbo wanted to limit eligibility to veterans who served at least 10 months before getting the full 52 weeks of unemployment benefits. Murray said this is "unfair to the ex-service man who has been in the service for only a short time and discharged for disability, or discharged at the end of the war with only a short period of service."

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Survey Shows 90% Of Vets Say Unions Okay

Washington, D. C. — A spot check of 22 World War II veterans discharged and returned to jobs in industry this week proved that they know the score about labor, with 90% of them declaring that unions are absolutely necessary for job protection, according to CIO News.

All of them agreed that stories about war workers' "fabulous" wages are a lot of bunk.

The survey was conducted by "Iron Age," industry magazine. It showed that only two of the veterans were opposed to unions.

The magazine said that 13 of the 22 veterans favored the closed shop "since it afforded the best worker protection and all who benefit by a union's presence in a plant should share in dues payments."

"When asked about current wage rates," the magazine said of the veterans, "there was complete unanimity in pooh-poohing the concept of war workers' swollen purchasing power."

The survey found that 13 of the 22 veterans were in favor of the creation of a postwar agency with functions similar to the War Labor Board, since it "would diminish the number of peacetime strikes."

Yes, Boys, Women Are In Politics To Stay

By Miriam Kolkin, Federated Press

New York, N. Y.—Women are in politics to stay—and they love it.

That was the impression Mrs. Verda Barnes, national director of the CIO Political Acton Committee's women's division, garnered on her recent trip to the west coast and back. In her small sunlit office on the 15th floor of a New York City skyscraper, home to the national PAC headquarters, Mrs. Barnes told me about the wildfire of political action which is spreading into every union home, community and shop in the nation.

"It's like a crusade," she said earnestly. "I haven't seen so much enthusiasm, spirit and downright hard work since the early days when the CIO was still in the talking stage."

And union and progressive-minded women from coast to coast are right up in front in the march to victory through political action, she said. "It's not true that women aren't interested in politics," she added. "Why, much more so than men, they're emotionally and realistically tied up with the problems involved in winning this war on the homefront."

WOMEN'S HEADACHES

It's the housewife who has to skimp and worry about food and clothing when congress passes a high-cost-of-living bill, she said. It's the woman in the migrant war worker's family who has to try to make a trailer livable.

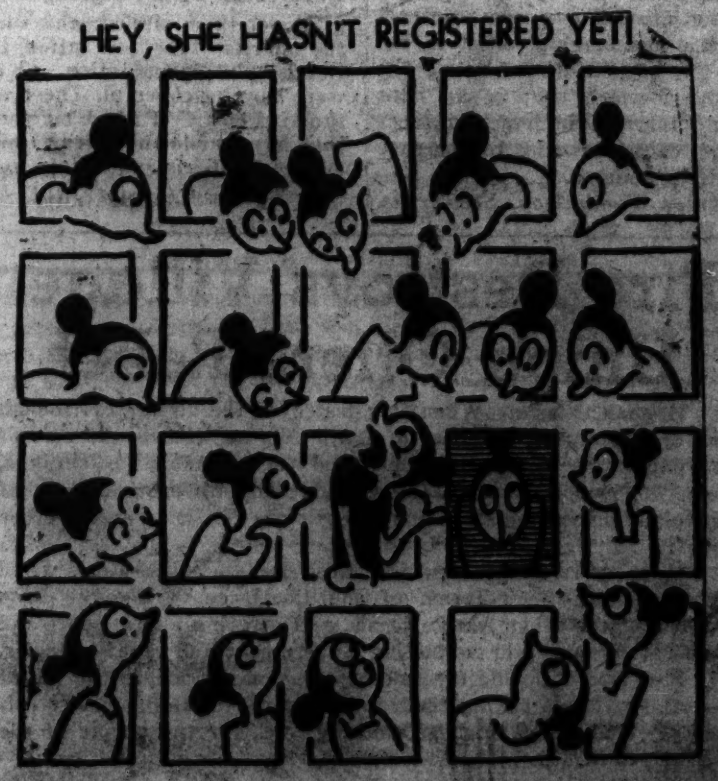
It's the woman war worker who has to go off to her job, knowing her children are roaming the streets because there aren't enough playgrounds and child care centers for them. And it's the sweethearts and mothers of the boys in uniform who got really mad when the polltaxers and Republicans in congress killed the soldier vote bill.

Because women—who will cast 60% of the vote Nov. 7—are beginning to realize that the difference between a reactionary congress and a win-the-war congress can mean the difference between depression and prosperity for America now and in days to come, they've swung into action in their shops and communities to get out the biggest vote in history.

LABOR'S HEROINES

"You'll find them out ringing doorbells, talking to their friends and neighbors, doing the real Jimmy Higgins work," she said. And then her face lit up with a broad smile as she told about the heroines already turned up by this political war to smoke out the reactionaries.

In North Carolina one girl—Helen Gregory—personally saw that 5,000 union members registered to vote. In Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Annie Maude Creel succeeded in getting more than 1,200 new voters to register within less than two months.

"We'll need plenty of that kind of spirit from now until November," Mrs. Barnes said, "before we can take a deep breath and say we've done the job of electing Roosevelt and a progressive congress."

The PAC women's division, formed in March, is just beginning to send its organizational roots down into the rich political soil of America. But it's off to a successful start, with women's groups already set up in Michigan, Maine, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Utah and Colorado. When it's going full steam it aims to have millions of CIO, AFL and independent union women plus their friends, relatives and members of progressive women's groups sold on the idea that political action is the people's no longer secret homefront weapon in 1944.